

# Republic Day in India

INDIA, today celebrates Republic Day with the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan expected to be the chief guest of honour.

India Republic is celebrated on January 26 every year. It is one of the three national holidays in India.

The other two are Independence Day and Gandhijayanti. India was declared a Republican on January 26 1950; it became democratic and decided to choose the government by the people.

India gained independence on August 15 1947 but made its constitution in 1950.

Republic day in India is celebrated every year with great honour to honour the Constitution of India as it came into force on the same day in the year 1950.

It had replaced the Government of India Act, 1935 into the governing document of the India. At this day, a national holiday is declared by the Indian government.

The new Indian constitution was sketched and approved by the Indian Constituent Assembly and decided to celebrate it on 26th of January every year as India became a republic country.

On Republic Day,, flag hoisting ceremonies and parades by armed forces and school children are held in different parts of the country. The grandest and most important of these parades is held at Rajpath in New Delhi, which showcases a multi-hued image of the country's rich cultural heritage and military prowess.

This parade is presided over by the President of India.

One of the main functions of the Republic Day Parade is to pay tribute to the martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for the country and to confer bravery awards on military persons, citizenry and children for showing courage in the face of adversity.

The Prime Minister of India first lays a wreath at the Amar Jawan

Jyoti at India Gate, in memory of all members of the armed forces who gave up their life for the country. After that there is the 21-gun salute, unfurling of the National Flag and singing of the National Anthem. Next, awards such as the Paramvir Chakra, Ashok Chakra and Vir Chakra are presented to gallantry award winners.

A huge and grand military parade is held in the New Delhi at Rajpath as well as the state capitals. Participants from the Indian Army, Air Force, Navy and traditional dance group takes part in the parades.

Parade held in the New Delhi starts especially when Prime Minister of India offer garland at the Amar Jawan Jyoti at the India Gate.

It is done to commemorate all the sacrifices of the Indian army soldiers while saving their country. The military salute is taken by the President of India during the parade in the capital whereas military salute is taken by the state governors in the state capitals.

At this special day, a foreign head of the state become chief guest of the President.

National awards (Maha Veer Chakra, Ashok Chakra, Param Veer Chakra, Veer Chakra) and bravery medals are also distributed at this day to the soldiers of armed forces, common people and students from the school.

Armed forces helicopters do parade in the surrounding area of the India Gate to shower the rose petals over audience.

A dance parade by singing patriotic songs is also performed by the school children.

Armed Forces staff performs the motorcycle rides whereas the staff from the Indian Air Force perform fly parade through the fighter planes (making tri colour of the Indian flag by the smoke) for offering the honour salute to the president.






**The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and the Chief Guest of Republic Day, President of France, Francois Hollande at Rajpath, in New Delhi on January 26, 2016.**

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**The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi paying homage at the Amar Jawan Jyoti, India Gate, in New Delhi on January 26, 2016.**







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The Corps of Signals marching contingents passes through the Raj-path, in New Delhi.

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A range of traditional and cultural programmes are performed by the professionals from different states to focus the history and culture of the country. During this grand celebration, a prime minister's rally and Lok Tarang-National Folk Dance Festival is also held from January 24 to 29.

All the government and non government offices of the nation and state including post offices, banks are closed at this day.

Republic Day is the symbol of true spirit for the independent India where military parades, exhibiting military equipments, salute to the national flag by the Indian president and variety of events take place on this day. Indian national flag has horizontally tricolour (upper saffron, middle white and bottom of dark green colour divided in the equal proportion) and a wheel (navy blue colour, having 24 spokes) in the centre representing the Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka.

India is a country having people of different cultures, societies, religions and languages who interplay with each other harmoniously. Independence to India is of great pride as it was obtained over years after facing a variety of obstacles and hurdles.

The day is celebrated every year so that the Indian people feel very proud for living in a multi-cultural and independent country.

Republic Day is celebrated in very colourful and exhilarating ways in order to make it a memorable and significant celebration of the year. This celebration brings all the Indian people together at one place.

India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world with a kaleidoscopic variety and rich cultural heritage. It has achieved all-round socio-economic progress during the last 67 years of its Independence.

As the seventh largest country in the world, India stands apart from the rest of Asia, marked off as it is by mountains and the sea, which give the country a distinct geographical entity. Bounded by the Great Himalayas in the north, it stretches southwards and at the Tropic of Cancer, tapers off into the Indian Ocean between the Bay of Bengal on the east and the Arabian Sea on the west.

Below is the list of all the chief guests welcomed in India at each Republic Day from the year India was declared as the Republic country till 2016.

## Indian Republic Day chief guest list

Year	Guest Name	Country
2017	Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan	Abu Dhabi
2016	President, Francois Hollande	France
2015	President, Barack Obama	USA
2014	Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe	Japan
2013	King, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck	Bhutan
2012	Prime minister, Yingluck Shinawatra	Thailand
2011	President, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono	Indonesia
2010	President, Lee Myung Bak	Republic of Korea
2009	President, Nursultan Nazarbayev	Kazakhstan
2008	President, Nicolas Sarkozy	France
2007	President, Vladimir Putin	Russia
2006	King, Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al-Saud	Saudi Arabia
2005	King, Jigme Singye Wangchuck	Bhutan
2004	President, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva	Brazil
2003	President, Mohammed Khatami	Iran
2002	President, Cassam Uteem	Mauritius
2001	President, Abdelaziz Bouteflika	Algeria
2000	President, Olusegun Obasanjo	Nigeria
1999	King, Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev	Nepal
1998	President, Jacques Chirac	France
1997	Prime Minister, Basdeo Panday	Trinidad and Tobago
1996	President, Dr. Fernando Henrique Cardoso	Brazil
1995	President, Nelson Mandela	South Africa
1994	Prime Minister, Goh Chok Tong	Singapore
1993	Prime Minister, John Major	United Kingdom
1992	President, Mário Soares	Portugal
1991	President, Maumoon Abdul Gayoom	Maldives
1990	Prime Minister, Anerood Jugnauth	Mauritius
1989	General Secretary, Nguyen Van Linh	Vietnam
1988	President, Junius Jayewardene	Sri Lanka
1987	President, Alan Garcia	Peru
1986	Prime Minister, Andreas Papandreu	Greece

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1984	King, Jigme Singye Wangchuck	Bhutan
1983	President, Shehu Shagari	Nigeria
1982	King, Juan Carlos I	Spain
1981	President, Jose Lopez Portillo	Mexico
1980	President, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing	France
1979	Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser	Australia
1978	President, Patrick Hillery	Ireland
1977	First Secretary, Edward Gierek	Poland
1976	Prime Minister, Jacques Chirac	France
1975	President, Kenneth Kaunda	Zambia
1974	President, Josip Broz Tito	Yugoslavia
1973	Prime Minister, Sirimavo Ratwatte Dias Bandaranaike	Sri Lanka
1972	President, Mobutu Sese Seko	Zaire
1971	Prime Minister, Seewoosagur Ramgoolam	Mauritius
1970	President, Julius Nyerere	Tanzania
1969	Prime Minister, Todor Zhivkov	Bulgaria
1968	Prime Minister, Alexei Kosygin	Soviet Union
1967	President, Josip Broz Tito	Yugoslavia
1966		
1965	Food and Agriculture Minister, Rana Abdul Hamid	Pakistan
1964		
1963	King, Norodom Sihanouk	Cambodia
1962		
1961	Queen, Elizabeth II	United Kingdom
1960	President, Kliment Voroshilov	Soviet Union
1959		
1958	Marshall Ye Jianying	People's Republic of China
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1956		
1955	Governor General, Malik Ghulam Muhammad	Pakistan
1954	King, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck	Bhutan
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1951		
1950	President, Sukarno	Indonesia



The Parachute Regiment marching contingents passes through the Rajpath, in New Delhi.



The Air Force marching contingents passes through the Rajpath, in New Delhi.



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